STATUTES OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY.

CHAPTER I.

Of the Election and Admiſſion of Fellows.

I. NO perſon ſhall be propoſed, elected, or admitted a Fellow of the Society upon St. Andrew's day, or the day of the anniverſary meeting for electing the Council and Officers.

II. Every Fellow, that is to propoſe any perſon as a candidate, in order to election, ſhall, before the ſaid perſon be propoſed, make known to him the effect of the obligation to be ſubſcribed, and the ſum that is to be paid for admiſſion money, and the rate of the Annual payments, or the ſum to be paid in lieu of annual payments, for the occaſions of the Society.

III. Every perſon to be elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, ſhall be propoſed and recommended at a meeting of the Society by three or more Members; who ſhall then deliver to one of the Secretaries a paper, ſigned by themſelves, ſpecifying the name, rank, profeſſion, qualifications, and the

uſual place of reſidence of ſuch perſon; all which ſhall be certified from their perſonal acquaintance with him, or with his writings.

A fair copy of which paper, with the date of the day when delivered, ſhall be fixed up in the common meeting room of the Society at ten ſeveral ordinary meetings, before the ſaid candidate ſhall be put to the Vote: ſaving and excepting, that it ſhall be free for every one of His Majeſty's ſubjects, who is a Peer, or ſon of a Peer, of Great Britain or Ireland, and for every one of his Majeſty's Privy Council of either of the ſaid kingdoms; and for every Foreign Sovereign Prince, or the ſon of a Sovereign Prince, or an Ambaſſador to the Court of Great Britain, to be propoſed by any ſingle Member, and to be put to the Vote for Election on the ſame day, there being preſent twenty-one members at the leaſt, being the competent number for making Elections.

IV. In the Election of a perſon for a Fellow of the Society, the votes ſhall be taken by ballot, and no perſon ſhall be declared elected, unleſs he have in his favour two thirds of the numbers voting.

V. Every perſon, elected a Fellow, ſhall appear for his admiſſion on or before the fourth ordinary meeting of the Society, after his Election; or within ſuch further time as ſhall be granted by the Society or Council, upon cauſe ſhewed to either of them: otherwiſe his Election ſhall be void.

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VI. The Admiſſion of any Fellow into the Society ſhall be at ſome meeting thereof, in manner and form following; he having firſt ſubſcribed the obligation in the Charter book. The Preſident, taking him by the hand, ſhall ſay theſe words: *I do, by the authority, and in the name, of* the Royal Society of London for improving natural knowledge, *admit you a Fellow thereof.*

VII. The Election, and alſo the payment and admiſſion of every perſon into the Society, with the time thereof, ſhall be recorded in the Journal-book.

VIII. No one of his Majeſty's ſubjects, or any other perſon reſiding in his Majeſty's Dominions, who ſhall be elected a Fellow of the Society, ſhall be deemed an actual Fellow thereof; nor ſhall the name of any ſuch perſon be printed in the annual Liſt of the Fellows of the Society, until ſuch perſon ſhall have paid his Admiſſion Fee, and given the uſual bond for the payment of contributions, or paid the ſum appointed in lieu of ſuch contributions: But that, upon ſuch payment, or giving Bond as aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for the Society to give leave for the name of ſuch perſon, ſo elected as aforeſaid, to be entered in the Journal-book, and printed in the liſt of the Society: Provided always, that no ſuch perſon ſhall have liberty to vote at any Election or meeting of the Society, before he ſhall have been admitted.

Any perſon reſiding in foreign parts, and not a ſubject of the Britiſh Dominions, who is deſirous of becoming a Fellow of this Society, ſhall have a certificate drawn up in his favour, ſpecifying his Chriſtian name, ſurname, works, quality or profeſſion,

with his place of reſidence, and ſigned by, at leaſt, three Fellows of the Society upon the Foreign liſt; who ſhall in ſuch certificate atteſt, of their perſonal knowledge, that ſuch Candidate, by his Philoſophical learning and abilities, is duly qualified, and likely to become an uſeful Member of the Society: and every ſuch candidate ſhall alſo have a certificate ſigned by, at leaſt, three Fellows on the Home liſt, who ſhall atteſt the preceding qualifications either of their own perſonal knowledge, or from the works or correſpondence of ſuch Candidate.

Such certificates ſo ſigned, after having been preſented to the Preſident in the chair, and read to the Society, ſhall be fixed up in their publick meeting room, and continue there from the 30th day of November to the 30th day of May next following; and the Names of ſuch Foreigners ſhall be read at the weekly meetings of the Society, during the ſaid term, as often as the Preſident ſhall direct. And at the weekly meeting of the Society, on, or next after, the 30th of May, annually, the number of Foreigners thus recommended ſhall be propoſed to the Society for election, and put to the ballot.

Provided always that this Regulation ſhall not extend to Sovereign Foreign Princes or their Sons (who, being propoſed, ſhall be put to the ballot immediately) nor to ſuch Foreigners who being at the time reſident, or having been reſident for the ſpace of ſix months in Great Britain, ſhall deſire to be elected into the Society, in the ſame manner, and upon the ſame conditions, with the home-members, paying their admiſſion fees and compoſition money.